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SUBJECT: SOVIET AIRLIFT TO ETHIOPIA

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1. IN ABSENCE OF FOREIGN MINISTRY PRINCIPAL SECRETARY WHO IS

OUT OF TOWN, CHARGE 15 DECEMBER MADE APPROACH REQUESTED REFTEL TO ACTING DIRECTOR AFRICA AND MIDDLE EAST DIVISION POLANGYO. POLANGYO IS KNOWLEDGEABLE OFFICIAL WHO HAS BEEN CLOSELY INVOLVED IN TANGOV POLICY ON HORN OF AFRICA AND WHO PRESIDENT NYERERE FREQUENTLY INCLUDES IN DISCUSSIONS WITH DIPLOMATS ABOUT THAT ISSUE.

2. AFTER EXPRESSING APPRECIATION FOR SHARING WITH TANGOV INFORMATION AND CONCERNS REFTEL, POLANGYO SAID HE WAS GLAD TO HEAR U.S. STILL STICKING WITH ITS POLICY TOWARD ETHIOPIA-SOMALIA CONFLICT. HE NOTED THAT TANGOV ALSO HAD HEARD THAT SOMALIA WITHIN PAST THREE TO FOUR WEEKS HAD BEEN RECEIVING LARGE SUPPLIES OF MILITARY EQUIPMENT FROM SAUDI ARABIA AND IRAN VIA UNMARKED AIRCRAFT, AND THAT SOMALIA AS WELL HAD RECEIVED "COMBAT HELP OF OUTSIDERS/--E.G., EGYPTIAN PILOTS.

3. POLANGYO INDICATED TANGOV NOT UNSYMPATHETIC TO ETHIOPIAN NEED FOR MILITARY SUPPORT. HE RESTATED GOT POSITION ON MAINTAINING ETHIOPIAN TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY AND MILITARY REQUIREMENTS FOR DOING SO. AT SAME TIME, HE SAID, THERE ARE GROUNDS FOR CONCERN ON BASIS INFORMATION REFTEL FOR TWO REASONS. ONE, GOT DOES NOT WANT ETHIOPIANS TO BE TEMPTED BY OVERWHELMING MILITARY IMBALANCE IN THEIR FAVOR TO CONTINUE OFFENSIVE BEYOND RECAPTURE OF OGADEN BORDERS. SECONDLY, POLANGYO REFERRED TO WHAT HE SAID WAS OFFICIAL TANGOV VIEW THAT ETHIOPIANS SHOULD TREAT ERITREAN PROBLEM AS POLITICAL QUESTION, NOT SOMALIA-SECRET

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LIKE MILITARY ONE, AND HE EXPRESSED CONCERN THAT "EXCESSIVE" NEW ARMAMENTS MIGHT MAKE ETHIOPIAN LEADERS "DISINCLINED" TOWARD SUCH A POLITICAL APPROACH.

4. POLANGYO PROMISED TO FORWARD INFORMATION PRESENTED REFTEL "TO APPROPRIATE SENIOR OFFICIALS" AND BE BACK IN TOUCH IF THEY HAD ANYTHING THEY WANTED US TO HEAR.
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